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Semi Loses Steel Rolls in Mitchell Interchange

Milwaukee, WI – A semi traveling on the south to west ramp in the Mitchell Interchange at about 8:15 p.m. lost several steel rolls, each weighing 1,000 pounds, from its cargo.

A sheriff's deputy stopped to assist a disabled vehicle and the driver indicated road debris caused his tire damage. A second vehicle stopped to report similar damage. Deputies located two rolls of steel, each weighing approximately 1000 pounds, 3 ½ feet wide and four inches thick, in a lane of traffic and closed down the lane until the rolls could be removed. Five cars sustained tire and rim damage from going over the debris. A tow truck removed the steel rolls out of traffic, along with a third roll found in the median distress lane. The lane was closed for about 35 minutes.

The operator of the semi was located by a deputy, and cited for Failure to Secure Load, Spilling Load on Freeway, and Improper Tie-Downs.

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